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ACTION BEGUN BY STATE OF
KANSAS FOR THE KATY.

Value of Lands is Placed at Fifty Mil-
lion Dollars--Each Odd Numbered
Section of Land Along Right of
Way in Indian Territory.

Washington, May 21.—The state of
Kansas got leave today from the su-
preme court to file an original suit
against the United States government
to recover each odd-numbered section
of land along the right of way of the
Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway
in Indian Territory.

Thus the Katy, for the state of Kan-
sas is acting in behalf of the Katy,
lets permission to attempt to prove
its right to property valued at \$50-
00,000. Its claim comes by virtue of
that is known as the Katy land
grant, though the grant was originally
made to the Union Pacific and ac-
quired by the Katy when it purchased
the southern division of that road.

It has been asserted that the grant
was illegal and that the road has no
right to the property it claims, but to
prove that is the purpose of the suit

which the state of Kansas will bring.
Congress, when the five tribes bill
was pending, tried to circumvent the
railroad by enacting that the tribal
government shall continue in force
indefinitely, for it was a condition of
the grant that the railroad should
have no claim until the land should
become a part of the public domain,
and it would not become public do-
main as long as the title vested in
the tribal governments. It was ob-
viously the intention of congress that
after all allotments had been made,
the surplus should either be divided
by the Indians or sold by their govern-
ments, which would, it was thought,
defeat the purpose of the railroads.
The suit, even if it should be success-
ful, will not result in disturbing any
titles, nor will the Indians lose, the
United States government being the
one that will suffer.

Senate and Burton's Case.

Washington, May 22.—The senate
today adopted without debate the fol-
lowing resolutions which were intro-
duced by Hale: "Resolved, That the
committee on privileges and elections
be directed to examine the legal ef-
fect of the late decision of the su-
preme court in the case of Joseph R.
Burton, senator from Kansas, and as
soon as may be possible, report their
recommendations as to what action
if any, shall be taken by the senate."

WILL BE DOUBLE EXECUTION.

Hottman and Mrs. Myers Must Die for
Murder of Woman's Husband.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 22.—The
state supreme court today upheld the
death sentence in the case of Frank
Hottman and Mrs. Aggie Myers, con-
victed of murdering the woman's hus-
band, Clarence Myers, a printer in
Kansas City, May 19th, 1904, and set
June 29 next as the date of execution
in each case. Hottman and Mrs. My-
ers, murdered Myers so they could
marry, the woman letting Hottman in
the house at night and aiding him
in the murder.

Bankers Favor Statehood.

Washington, May 21.—Telegrams
were received by the members of the
Missouri delegation in congress from
W. E. Keyser, secretary of the Mis-
souri state bankers' convention at
Excelsior Springs, Mo., relative to
statehood legislation. Representative
Fulkerson received one reading as
follows:

"The Missouri State Bankers' As-
sociation, in convention assembled
has passed resolutions requesting
you to use your best efforts to secure
statehood for Oklahoma and Indian
Territory at this session."

Other members received the same
message.
Fresh shipment of Lowrey's fine
candies received at Segale's. 20-3

STATEHOOD LOOMS UP

PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN FOR AD-
MISSION OF TERRITORIES.

Report of a Special Rule to the House
Admitting Indian and Oklahoma
Territories—Leaving Arizona
and New Mexico Out.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—(Spe-
cial)—Statehood for Oklahoma and In-
dian Territory now seems assured. Ac-
cording to a report making the rounds
at the capitol today, a special rule
will be brought into the house ad-
mitting Oklahoma and Indian Territo-
ry as a single state. Arizona and New
Mexico will be left to shift for them-
selves.

Washington, May 21.—The confer-
ence committee on the statehood bill
rouse itself this morning from the
quiescence into which it was put by
the consideration of the rate bill.
The utmost result of its renewed en-
ergy, however, was a decision to take
up Wednesday, the one disturbing
question, which is whether there
shall be a compromise as to New
Mexico and Arizona.

Meantime the private conference
in which the result will be actually
brought about continues.

Mr. Beveridge was at the White
House this morning, and when he got
back to the capitol he expressed the
opinion that it might be necessary
to give statehood to Oklahoma and
Indian Territory by the expedient of
a rider on one of the appropriation
bills. The inference is, of course, he
suggested this to the president and
found him complaisant. Whether
under the patronage of Mr. Beveridge
or not, there is no doubt this will be
attempted, for both Mr. Foraker and
Mr. Bailey have intimated that they
will report to this method to defeat
the opposition of the speaker.

Between the filibuster which Mr.
Williams continues to carry on and
the likelihood that statehood will be
made a condition of some big appro-
priation bill, the speaker is in dan-
ger of being forced into an untenable
position. That he foresees this is
probably evidenced by the fact that
he compromise overtures were renewed
this morning. Statehood on the basis
of the first Foraker amendment are
the terms offered. The first Foraker
amendment differs from the second
chiefly in that it provides that the
people of New Mexico shall vote on
the question of jointure at the same
time that they vote on the question
of adopting a Constitution. This is
now objectionable as to Mr. Foraker
for the reason that as it would
involve the main question in so many
minor considerations, the election
would not fully disclose the senti-
ment of the people on the question
whether they desire that the two
Territories shall be made one state.

The second Foraker amendment,
the one to which Mr. Foraker now
adheres, provides that the question of
statehood shall not be entangled with
other questions. Mr. Foraker be-
lieves that the one question of joint-
ure was put to the people, an over-
whelming majority would vote
against it, but that there is some
question as to what their answer
would be if they were distracted by
collateral issues.

It may be said on the best of author-
ity, therefore, that a compromise on
the basis proposed on behalf of
Speaker Cannon will not be agreed
to by Mr. Foraker. But it may be said,
also, on equal authority, that Mr. For-
aker is willing that the question of
statehood be submitted to the people
on the two territories at the general
election in November. If there shall
be a compromise it is apt to be on
that basis.

If the speaker should remain old-
fashioned, then statehood for Oklahoma
and Indian Territory by means of an ap-
propriation bill will probably be the
alternative.

Quick Work in Senate.

Washington, May 21.—The legisla-
tive, executive and judicial appropri-
ation bill was passed by the senate
today within three hours from its first
reading. It carries appropriations ag-
gregating \$29,815,259, an increase of
\$59,345 over the amount reported to
the senate. A number of unimportant
measures were passed and at 3:30
o'clock consideration was given to un-
objected pension bills.

CARRIED OVER DAM.

Fishermen at Tishomingo Had Very
Narrow Escape.

Tishomingo, I. T., May 21.—Satur-
day evening a boat containing O. E.
Davenport, H. P. Warfield, J. B. Sher-
ard and Paul Wade, was struck by a
four-foot rise coming down Penning-
ton creek and carried over the water-
works dam.

The dam is of solid granite, about
fourteen feet high, and the bed of the
stream below is filled with large gran-
ite boulders. Fortunately the boat did
not turn over and although all the
occupants were stunned none re-
ceived any serious injury. Parties who
were below the dam secured the boat
and it was brought to shore, and three
of the party were found to be suffer-
ing from severe cuts and bruises.
Wade having escaped unhurt. The rise
was caused by a cloudburst about
Reagan about ten miles up stream and
as there had been no rain here a rise
was unthought of.

EXPECT FIGHT ON CANAL

PRESIDENT DECLARES OPPOSI-
TION TO SEA LEVEL CANAL.

Is Eager to Avoid Any Clash—Anxious
That Senate Shall Refuse to Ac-
cept the Recommendations
of the Committee.

Washington, May 21.—The next
contest which the president will have
on hand is whether the Panama Canal
shall be dug at sea level or at a
height which will require three locks
and dams. The president has made
it known that he is quite against the
report of the committee in favor of
the sea level type. He has begun ac-
tively to work to bring a majority of
the senate to his way of thinking.
What the sentiment of the senate may
be is not known, though it is said
that Senator Kittredge, who made the
report favoring a sea level canal, has
made a canvass which shows that
there is a majority of at least ten in
favor of the recommendations made in
the report.

Already there is some speculation
as to what would result if the senate
should pass a resolution declaring for
a sea level canal. It is believed
the influence which the president
could wield over the house,
by means of the speaker, would as-
sure that no such resolution could get
through that body. In that event the
Spooners act, which gives the presi-
dent absolute discretion, would ob-
tain, and under that the president
could go ahead with the digging of
a lock canal.

The president, however, is eager
to avoid any such contingency, and he
will make a strong effort to have the
senate reject the committee's report.

The direction of the contest, it is
understood, has been committed to
Senator Knox, who is a member of
the committee on inter-oceanic canals,
and he will be assisted by Senator
Hopkins of Illinois.

To several who called on him today
the president declared with much vo-
ciferance that to direct the making
of a sea level waterway would be tan-
tamount to a declaration that there
should be no canal. Such a conclu-
sion, however, is not warranted by
the report of the engineers to whom
the president submitted the matter.
They reported that it would require
from four to six years more to dig a
sea level than a lock canal and that
the additional cost would be between
\$60,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Mr. Morgan, who has more compre-
hensive knowledge of canal affairs
than any other man in the senate, fa-
vors the making of a sea level water-
way, and as Mr. Morgan has won a
reputation for the stubbornness with
which he fights to have his way, it
seems likely that either there will
be no action or there will be a very
long session of congress.

School Supervisors to Meet.

Muskogee, I. T., May 21.—Hon.
John D. Benedict, superintendent of
Indian Territory schools, has called
a meeting of supervisors to be held
in his office in the Iowa building
Tuesday, May 22, for the purpose of
considering plans for the coming
school year. Supervisors D. Frank
Redd of the Cherokee nation, Walter
Fairwell of the Creek nation, Calvin
Ballard of the Choctaw nation, and
George Beck of the Chickasaw nation
will attend.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION

PROVES FATAL TO A NUMBER
OF POOR WORKMEN.

Defective Steam Boiler the Cause.
Building Wrecked Then Took
Fire—Workmen Imprisoned in
Ruins, Burned to Death.

New York, May 22.—Many men
have been killed and fifty, more or
less injured today by an explosion of
the plant of the New York Glucose
company at Shady Side, N. J., oppo-
site this city. It is believed the ex-
plosion was caused by a defective
steam boiler. The four-story brick
building is wrecked and the out-build-
ings torn to pieces.

It is said five hundred men were
in the building at the time. The
wives and children of those who live
in the neighborhood were thrown into
a panic.

Ambulances were sent from nearly
all towns. Police and sailors from the
warships in the Hudson gave aid.
When they first arrived the big build-
ing was already in flames and the
work of rescue immediately begun.

Many of the first injured are in a
bad condition and it is feared cannot
recover. The rescuers found twelve
men imprisoned in the burning
debris and made frantic efforts to
rescue them, two were taken out fa-
tally injured, then the flames drove
back the rescuers.

Friends from neighboring churches
offered prayers for the dying when
all hope of rescue was abandoned.

(Later.)—Probably a score of men
more or less are injured, some of the
thirty men at work in the building
had narrow escapes, but were re-
scued by their fellow laborers. In the
confusion which followed the explo-
sion, many reports of serious loss of
life were spread, exaggerating the ex-
tent of the disaster.

DROWNED IN CADDO.

Claude Hathway of Oswalt was Un-
able to Swim Stream.

Berwyn, I. T., May 22.—(Special.)
—Claude Hathway, aged about 17,
whose home is said to have been at
Oswalt, was drowned at Brown's
crossing on Caddo this morning at
about 9 o'clock. The youth and an-
other boy, whose home is at Oswalt,
attempted to swim the stream but
the Hathway boy gave out and was
carried under by the current. His
body has not yet been recovered.

CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Rumor Says Stoessel and Nebogatoff
Have Been Found Guilty.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—It is ru-
mored that the military court which
has been investigating the surrender
of Port Arthur and the battle of the
Sea of Japan, has condemned to
death Lieutenant General Stoessel,
who commanded the Russian forces
at Port Arthur, and Rear Admiral
Nebogatoff, who commanded Admi-
ral Rojestvensky's squadrons and who
surrendered during the naval battle
to the Japanese.

THREE DROWNED IN FLOOD.

Torrents of Rain Falling in Kansas.
Bottom Lands Inundated.

Beloit, Kans., May 22.—Rain fell in
torrents at this place last night,
creeks are all bank full. At Cawker
City, twenty miles west of Beloit, Mrs.
Williams, her daughter and son, were
drowned, while trying to escape from
their house, around which the water
was rapidly rising. All bottom land at
Cawker City is inundated and no
trains are running on the central
branch of railroad between Downs
and Beloit.

Burlington Conspiracy Case.

Kansas City, May 22.—In the fed-
eral court here today Judge McPherson
of Iowa overruled the demurrer
of the Burlington railway to the
charges in the indictment, charging
conspiracy to give rebates. The rail-
way contended that congress was
without power to enact legislation reg-
ulating export rates, in which officials
of the railway are charged with hav-
ing violated the interstate commerce
act.

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